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Civic Body heads for financial crisis

Only Rs. 67 crore Property Tax collected as against Rs. 150 crore target

By Shyam Sundar Vattam

Mysuru, Sept. 21- Perhaps for the first time in recent years, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is heading for a deep financial crisis with a sharp decline in Property Tax collection. The current COVID-19 crisis has delivered such a deadly blow that businesses have not picked up despite a series of unlock measures announced by the Government of India.

If the situation continued for the next one or two months, the Civic Body may not be having any money to take up any development works in city. In fact, it did not have money even to take up Dasara-related regular maintenance works and is depending upon funds from the State Government to commence works in next 8-10 days.

As per the MCC's Registry, there are 1,83,000 properties, including 26,000 revenue properties. The MCC had set a target of Rs. 150 crore as the collection from Property Tax for the year 2020-21. But they had never imagined that their target will go haywire due to Coronavirus epidemic. With the complete shutdown of all commercial and business establishments for over three months during lockdown and curbs on movement of people, tax collection has taken a severe beating. Till now, cinemas have remained closed and the flow of people to malls has not picked up due to spike in Corona positive cases in the city in the last two months.

Citizens paying tax at MCC Zonal Office-3 in Sharadadevinagar today.

"Hoteliers Association is expecting some relief from the State Government in the wake of dull business. Once clarity comes, it will help the MCC to take further steps. Yes, we are passing through difficult times. We can only request traders to pay tax in the interest of the Corporation."

— MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde

"As against the demand of Rs. 150 crore for this fiscal, the collection so far has been Rs. 67 crore which is around 45 percent. In fact, the MCC has collected Rs.56 crore in single month in April last year. As per their expectation, the MCC should have netted Rs. 90 crore by the end of this month. But it looks like an impossible task given the lukewarm response from tax-payers," an officer from the MCC told *Star of Mysore*.

MCC rakes in the *moolah* in the form of Property Tax from big commercial establishments, hotels, cinema halls, malls and marriage halls. While cinema halls are yet to open, the footfall to malls is negligible. Marriage halls are not having any business due to scaling down of marriages following restriction on number of invitees. Hotels are also incurring losses as people are hesitating to eat outside in the fear of pandemic, he added.

According to him, understanding the grim situation, the State Government announced 5 percent rebate till April which had no impact. Further, it was extended till July and once again extended up to October end with an expectation of big property payers to clear the dues.

"Our offer to pay tax without penalty has no takers. Maintaining the Corporation will become difficult if the current situation continues for next two to three months. Traders cannot be compelled to pay as business has not picked up. We cannot take the extreme step of cancelling trade licences or sealing of properties on humanitarian grounds. However, tax collection from individual houses has picked up," he added.

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Legislature Session begins: Govt. planning to truncate Session to three days

Bengaluru, Sept. 21 (KMS&DM) - The eight-day scheduled Monsoon Legislature Session spanning 10 days began at Vidhana Soudha this morning amidst speculations that the ruling BJP Government, taking cue from the Centre's decision to end the ongoing Parliament Session in New Delhi early due to alarming rise in COVID-19 cases, has planned to curtail the Session to just three days.

The Session is originally scheduled to end on Sept.30.

As soon as the Session began this morning with COVID proof cover in place, the House paid obituary references to former President Pranab Mukherjee, Rajya Sabha Member Ashok Gasti, Sira MLA B. Sathyanarayan, former Assembly Members C. Guruswamy, Raja Madangopal Nayak, Appaji Gowda, former Union Minister M.V. Rajashekaran and other dignitaries, who passed away recently.

Assembly Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri read out the obituary references.

(See SESSION on page 7)

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	481
Total positive cases	:	29,784
Discharges yesterday	:	1,050
Total discharges	:	24,482
Deaths yesterday	:	12
Total deaths	:	691
Total active cases	:	4,611

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 21st September 2020

Plea to increase reservation percentage for STs

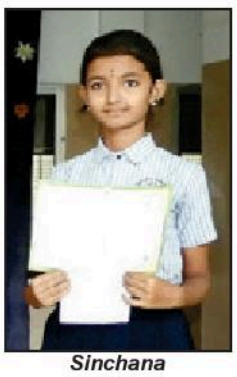
Mysuru, Sept. 21 (PM&SD)- Members of Halumatha Mahasabha have urged the State Government to increase reservation percentage of Scheduled Tribes (STs) to 9 percent and include Kuruba community in the list of Scheduled Tribes.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakartara Bhavana here recently, State President of Hindulida Vargagala Jagruthi Vedike K.S. Shivaramu demanded the State Government to increase reservation percentage for ST community and inclusion of Kuruba community in ST list.

He also urged the Government to table and pass the Caste Census report during the Assembly session which had been conducted by the earlier Government after spending a whopping Rs. 175 crore.

District President of Halumatha Mahasabha Vijaykumar, Vice-President Samruddhi Suresh, General Secretary Nagesh Gowda, Legal Advisor Ramakrishna and other members were present at the press meet.

Winners of online drawing contest



Sinchana

Haripriya

Gunashree

Mysuru, Sept. 21- The students of GSSS School, Siddarthanagar, participated in various drawing competitions through online and bagged cash prizes and gift vouchers.

B. Sinchana of 8th standard has secured 2nd place with a cash prize of Rs. 1,000 for the topic 'Corona' conducted by Karnataka Rajya Vijnana Parishat, Bengaluru; **Haripriya M. Vashishtha** of 4th standard has secured 3rd place for the topic 'Independence Day' conducted by Sri Jana Gana Trust, Mysuru.

B. Darshan of 3rd standard secured 2nd place, gift voucher of Rs. 500 and **Gunashree** of 6th Standard has got consolation prize, gift voucher of Rs. 150 for the topic 'Corona' conducted by Rotary Children's Library Associations, Rotary Centre, Mysuru.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

India's decision to ban Chinese apps signals that more Chinese products may fall by the wayside if the country does not mend its ways. The Indian action is a blow to China, not just because of the huge Indian market and avenues to port away Indian data to Chinese shores, but the salutary effect it is having on other world nations that China has antagonised, especially the United States. The onus is on China to end its provocative actions at the Line of Actual Control at a time when India is battling a Coronavirus pandemic that China aggravated with its secretive actions. The ouster of Chinese apps is an opportunity for Indian startups to up their game. India must also pass a data protection law that will safeguard citizens' privacy and give further teeth to surreptitious outflow of Indian data to enemy shores. Government must also prepare for various cyber security attack scenarios that could be mounted in retaliation. — *In The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

1,20,000-year-old human footprints found in Saudi Arabia

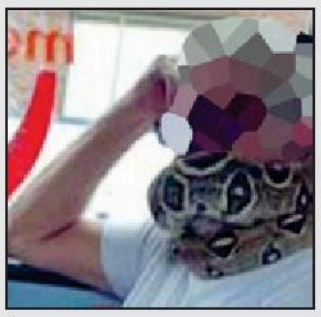
Tabuk: Sets of 120,000-year-old footprints belonging to humans have been discovered in Saudi Arabia.

The set of seven human footprints, found around an ancient dry lake in the northern region of Tabuk, are the earliest evidence of humans in the Arabian peninsula.

Experts believe they are the footprints of at least two people and say they could help understand the routes taken by humans out of Africa.

According to Mathew Stewart from the Max Planck Institute for Chemical Ecology, "Footprints are a unique form of fossil evidence in that they provide snapshots in time, typically representing a few hours or days, a resolution we tend not to get from other records."

Man wears snake as face mask!



Swinton: A passenger who was spotted wearing a snake as a mask while travelling on a bus has been warned that it is not a legitimate face covering to protect from COVID-19.

The man was seen with a light brown serpent with diamond-shaped markings on its skin wrapped around his mouth and neck on a bus from Swinton to Manchester.

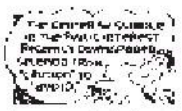
One passenger, who asked not to be named, said at first she thought the man was wearing a "funky mask" before she spotted the creature slithering over the hand rails.

The reptile did not seem to be bothering anyone else, she said, adding that she found the incident "really funny". She said: "No one batted an eyelid."

It is not known if he was challenged by the driver over his choice of covering. Pictures showed the man was not wearing a mask under the snake.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Can sucralose (splenda) affect my digestion?



A Duke University study revealed that just one pack of splenda can kill off 50% of the essential micro-flora living in your gut, as well as affect the pH of the gut. Sucralose has also been shown to suppress the thymus gland by 40% use stevia as a sweetener.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	165
Total positive cases	:	9,166
Total discharges	:	7,377
Total deaths	:	93
Total active cases	:	1,696

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	69
Total positive cases	:	3,495
Total discharges	:	2,724
Total deaths	:	62
Total active cases	:	698

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	32
Total positive cases	:	2,247
Total discharges	:	1,840
Total deaths	:	31
Total active cases	:	376

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	277
Total positive cases	:	13,525
Total discharges	:	10,502
Total deaths	:	249
Total active cases	:	2,774

Really...?

- ***If you plant an apple seed, the resulting tree will not produce the same kinds of apples. In fact, they will taste significantly different and may be unsuitable for human consumption. If you want an apple to be the same as its parent, you need to plant a branch.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Boy: *My girlfriend broke-up with me and sent me pics of her with her new boyfriend.*

Friend: *Really bad, what did you do?*

Boy: *I sent those pictures to her dad!!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.32
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 98.87
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.96
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.96

VOICE OF THE READER

Dr. M.V. Gopalaswamy's farsightedness

Sir,

Here is another special greatness of **Dr. M.V. Gopalaswamy (MVG)** which many, except the involved, will not know. This shows what a farsighted vision he had.

Dr. Gopalaswamy

Statistics was the subject available only in Maharaja's College, Mysore, for the whole of Mysore State (Karnataka) till late forties and early fifties. Perhaps there was no post having a title of Statistics in the Government also. If anyone wanted to study Statistics outside Mysore one had to go to Madras (Chennai). Maharaja's College had Statistics of 3-year degree course (B.Sc. Statistics, Economics, Maths), 3-year Honours course in Maths & Statistics and 1-year Master's course in Statistics.

In those days Statistics was known only to a few interested persons like MVG. Hence the number of students was hardly in single digits being less than 5 in Masters and Honours courses and less than 10 in degree class. Most of the teaching staff were mostly qualified in Maths with a Statistics background and very few qualified in Statistics.

With these conditions prevailing it was natural that it was recommended to close down the Department of Statistics in Maharaja's College. Luckily, as Godsent Dr. MVG was the Principal of this College, who had a good knowledge, importance and vision of Statistics. He had foreseen the development of Statistics in Independent India. So he fought tooth and nail to retain the subject in the University of Mysore and also got rigid qualifications for admissions relaxed. This helped many students to get admission to all courses. Thus the number of students in degree class went up to double-triple digits, double digits in Honours class and increased in Master's course also.

In 1951 we, in Honours course were 13 and most of us completed Master's course also in 1955. Now you can see people with Statistics all over the country with many of them working abroad. At present Statistics subject is available in the nooks and corners of the State and in India. All this is only and only because of the great Dr. MVG.

—G. Dwarakanath

Mysuru
18.9.2020

Re-opening of Schools: Not a wise move

Sir,

I fully agree with the views of Dr. Javeed Nayeem in his article titled **"Re-Opening Schools, An Unwise Move"** in *SOM* dated Sept.18. I wish to add that a few children may become carriers of the deadly virus — bring home the virus and inadvertently pass it on to elders and super seniors at home. Is it desirable?

The Schools should remain shut till such time the virus is fully eliminated and (or) an effective vaccine is administered to everyone. Meanwhile, online coaching may be intensified and conducted diligently.

Lives are more precious than losing an academic year or two.

— A.V. Kumar

Mysuru
20.9.2020

PG medical students to serve in districts for 3 months

New Delhi, Sept.21- With doctors showing reluctance to serve in rural and isolated areas, the Medical Council of India (MCI) has made it mandatory for Post-Graduate (PG) medical students to serve three months in a district as part of their academic pursuit.

The Board of Directors of MCI has notified the District Residency programme a couple of days ago and it would start from this academic year (2020-21).

Accordingly, Post-Graduate Medical Colleges and MCI will work together to create a rotation system for students in the third, fourth or fifth semester and place them in the districts.

With the MCI Board now finalising the District Residency programme, the MD and MS students will serve either in a district hospital or any other medical facility identified by the District Administration. The PG students will receive their stipend from the Medical College depending on the attendance proof provided by the District Administration.

National Education Policy ensures collaboration among institutions

Mysuru, Sept. 21 - Deputy Chief Minister and Higher Education Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan has stressed on the need to break the walls of compartmentalisation to ensure that the educational institutions function more responsibly and efficiently.

He was addressing a day-long colloquium held online on the 'Implementation of New National Educational Policy (NEP) 2020 — Challenges and Opportunities,' organised by JSS Mahavidyapeetha, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research and JSS Science & Technology, Mysuru, here recently.

The Deputy Chief Minister said the NEP will provide more opportunities for collaborations among leading educational institutions.

Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar, who presided over the colloquium, said the State Government is taking all steps to implement the NEP first among all other States.

Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, who graced the occasion, said after 34 years, the country has seen a new National Educational Policy. There is an increased thrust given to provide autonomy to institutions so that they will have more responsibility. Preparation is very much essential to run the institution efficiently.

Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, briefed about the NEP and its implementation.

Prof. M.K. Sridhar, Member, National Education Policy Drafting Committee and Member, University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi, in his keynote address said that this is the third educational policy which can bring major improvements in the overall education system of the country.

He said under the new policy, different streams of education like Science, Commerce, Arts and also phases of education like primary, secondary, degree and even various branches of professional courses like engineering, will be brought under one domain. This will also facilitate the multi-disciplinary higher education system and simplified University education system. Opinion and suggestions of 15 lakh teachers and education experts have been obtained and after deliberating the same for five years, the same is being implemented, he said.

Prof. Gopalkrishna Joshi, Executive Director, Karnataka State Higher Education Council, stressed the need for multi-disciplinary research and spelt the concept of research faculty to facilitate such research. He also emphasised on providing the education in regional language.

In the afternoon session, Prof. M.H. Dhananjaya, Technical Advisor, spoke about the proposal.

B.A. Rajashekar, Prof. Morabada Mallikarjuna, R. Mahesh, Dr. C. Ranganathaiah, all Directors; Dr. Surinder Singh, Vice-Chancellor and Dr. B.Suresh, Pro-Chancellor, spoke about implementing the same across the various divisions of JSS Mahavidyapeetha. Later Question and Answer session from participants was also held. It was decided that in order to implement the same, a Committee may be formed to examine the details and provide guidance.

Dr. B. Manjunatha, Dr. S.A. Dhanaraj, Prof. K.S. Suresh, Dr. Sudheendra Bhat compered the four sessions. Roopa and Vinuta of JSS Fine Arts College rendered the invocation.

New team of Indian Society for Training and Development, Mysuru Chapter

The new Management Committee of ISTD Mysuru Chapter with Returning Officer Dr. T. Narayanaswamy and Outgoing Secretary M.N. Suresh.

Mysuru, Sept.21- Indian Society for Training and Development (ISTD), Mysuru Chapter, is one among the 51 Chapters under the aegis of Indian Society for Training and Development, New Delhi, the recognised body for conducting the training programme for Government, Public and Private Organisations and Enterprises.

ISTD is the forum for professional trainers and educators involved in skill development.

ISTD is affiliated to the International Federation of Training and Development Organisations (IFTDO), USA and Asian Regional Training and Development Organisations (ARTDO), Manila.

To respond to the new normal, the new Management Committee (MC) was constituted for this term in the election process recently conducted online by Returning Officer Dr. T. Narayanaswamy.

The new MC team includes: S. Sendil Kumar, Chairman; Dr. M.V. Sunil, Vice-Chairman; Rajiv G.P. Sarathy, Secretary; M.J. Rashmi, Treasurer. The members of the Committee include Founder Chairperson of the Chapter Dr. Mousumi Sengupta, Dr. Aparna Verma, C.M. Vidya, Bharath Srinivasa, Zeeshan Mohammed, Ajay Kamath and Kunal Manakchand.

ISTD Mysuru Chapter is a recognised 'Diploma Centre' for conducting the 18-month distance learning Diploma in Training and Development. The programme is also approved by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), Government of India, according to a press release from Rajiv Sarathy, Secretary [Mob: 94493 58518].

NEWS BRIEFS

Prohibitory orders

In view of SSLC Supplementary Exams to be held from Sept. 21 to 28, Deputy Commissioner B. Sharat has declared 200 meters area around the examination centres as 'prohibited' area. Accordingly, all photocopy shops situated near the examination centres must be closed 30 minutes before the beginning of examination and till it ends, according to a press release here.

Training for special teachers

The Department for Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens is conducting special training programme for special teachers, who teach visually impaired and speech impaired children, at Tilaknagar in city. This special D.Ed is equivalent to general D.Ed programme. The applicants (50 percent for SCs/STs and 45 percent for disabled students) should have passed PUC. Duration of training is two years. No coaching fees for the SCs/STs and disabled persons. Interested can apply before Sept. 30. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2491600 or Mob: 91135-61620 or 96867-62378.

Prosthetic equipment distributed

The Department for Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, in association with Indian Red Cross Society, recently distributed prosthetic equipment to several beneficiaries of the district at a programme organised at the District Disabled Rehabilitation Centre located on Pulakeshi Road in Tilaknagar of the city. Also, a health check-up camp for the differently abled was organised on the occasion. District Disabled Welfare Officer Malini, Rehabilitation Centre Nodal Officer Arjun and other officials were present during the occasion.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.60 ft
Yesterday	124.65 ft
Inflow	27,426 cusecs
Outflow	40,000 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,283.09 ft
Inflow	28,906 cusecs
Outflow	35,625 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,857.56 ft
Inflow	8,666 cusecs
Outflow	12,354 cusecs

MCC collaborating with BAI to set up Construction Waste Treatment Plant

Mysuru, Sept. 21 (BCT)- Mysuru's garbage problem is well-known but another crisis is growing in scale without attracting the same level of scrutiny or outcry. Thousands of tonnes of construction and demolition waste is illegally dumped at open sites, along the ring road, street corners and also on lake-beds.

Mysuru City Corporation's (MCC) efforts to streamline the disposal of this type of debris, which carries the classification of "Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste", have proved ineffective so far as debris continue to be dumped. Facing an uphill task of clearing thousands of tonnes of C&D waste, the MCC is now collaborating with Builders Association of India (BAI) to set up the most advanced C&D Waste Recycling Plant.

This was revealed by MCC Environment Engineer Madhukar at the monthly meeting of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) in city recently.

"Dumping of construction debris is a big issue in less populated places and on ring roads. Making recycling difficult, it is usually mixed with municipal solid waste. A Plant for construction and demolition waste will come up shortly in Mysuru in collaboration with BAI," he said.

Confirming about C&D Waste Plant coming up in city, BAI State Secretary N. Subramanya told *Star of Mysore* that the BAI is collaborating with the MCC on setting up the Plant. "We have the plan ready and we are awaiting necessary approvals," he said.

N. Subramanya

Already, many private builders have set up their own C&D Waste Treatment Plant where the debris is crushed to form strong blocks and hollow bricks. "The BAI Kerala unit has set up such Plant in the neighbouring State where the waste is crushed, washed and used to make ready-mix concrete, kerb stones, cement bricks, pavement blocks and hollow bricks and manufactured sand. We are following the same model in Mysuru," Subramanya said.

"Such a Treatment Plant will be beneficial to the builders, MCC and the environment. Not only does the Plant reduce the load at landfills, it is also better for the environment. Builders can buy the products made at the Plant once standards have been put in place," he added.

"As per a survey, everyday Mysuru generates over 150 tonnes of C&D waste. People carry such waste in trucks and dump them under the cover of darkness. The dumping usually is carried out in less-populated areas and on the Ring Road. It is difficult to identify such people and bring them to book. If the required approvals are received, the city will have a C&D Waste Plant in six to seven months," he added.

Residents who undertake renovations at their properties face problems with storing and transferring construction waste. Most people use the services of tractor and truck owners, who don't follow rules, charge high rates and get rid of rubble unscientifically.

It may be mentioned here that the MCC had notified Koppaluru on the Ring Road behind lorry terminal in 2017-18 as the place to dump debris.

Also, last year, the MCC had floated a proposal to set up the most advanced C&D Waste Recycling Plant at 5.5 acres of land near Koppaluru village with zero investment by having an understanding with Mumbai-based IL&FS Environmental Infrastructure and Services Limited (IEISL), a subsidiary of Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services (IL&FS).

The company was to set up this Plant purely on Private-Public Partnership (PPP model). Except land, MCC would not invest any money and IEISL would manage the Plant on BOOT (Build, Own, Operate and Transfer) model. The proposal, however, did not materialise so far.

Mandya priests' murder case

Four more arrested; total arrests go up to nine

Mandya, Sept. 21 (Nagaiah& KS)- Mandya Police, who had arrested five persons allegedly involved in the murder of three priests of Sri Arkeshwara Swamy Temple — managed by Muzrai Department — at Guttalu village of Mandya taluk on the night of Sept. 10, have arrested four more persons bringing the total number of arrests to nine.

Those arrested are Shivaraju of Buvanahalli near Hassan, Manja of Siddabovi Palya in Ramanagar, Shivaraja of Sadolalu in Maddur taluk and Ganesh of Haralahalli in Pandavapura taluk.

Disclosing this at a press meet at Mandya East Police Station recently, Additional SP Dhananjay said that the Police have recovered Rs. 4,07,935 cash and have also seized two mobile phones, one scooter, two bikes and a Tata Magic passenger vehicle from the accused.

It may be recalled that the Police on Sept. 14, had arrested

Police Dog Squad inspecting the temple hundis that were abandoned. Picture right shows the seized cash.

Vijay alias Viji of Andhra Pradesh, Manju of Thoppanahalli village and Chandra alias Gandhi of Arekal Doddi. The arrests were made in a filmy style after the Police opened fire at the accused as the Police were attacked with stones and knives.

The Police had also arrested Raghu of Gamanahalli Santhemala and Abhi, after the arrested accused revealed their hideout.

The accused had murdered Ganesh (55), Prakash (57) and Anand (40), residents of Arkeshwara Nagar, who were serving as priests of Sri Arakeshwara Temple and also as security personnel of the Temple that is managed by the Muzrai Department.

Circle Inspectors K. Santosh, N.V. Mahesh and Harish Babu, Inspectors Anandegowda and Harish Kumar and staff of various Police Stations took part in the nabbing operation.

SP Parashuram has announced a cash prize for the Police personnel for nabbing the killers.

Retired Principal brutally murdered at his house

• Found dead with multiple stab injuries

• Movements of killers captured on CCTV camera

Mysuru, Sept. 21- A 67-year-old retired Principal, who was staying alone at his house on the 4th Cross at Nivedithanagar, has been brutally murdered by miscreants last night. The murder in a residential area has shocked residents.

Parashivamurthy

The deceased is Parashivamurthy. He had served at Kuvempunagar Government College in city, at Challakere and retired as the Principal of Government PU College at Hassan.

Details: Two miscreants, who jumped the compound and entered the house at about 7.30 pm yesterday, allegedly stabbed Parashivamurthy multiple times on his stomach, chest, neck, hands and other parts of his body before fleeing from the house, according to preliminary reports.

Parashivamurthy had married Savitha 15 years ago and the couple have no children, but had adopted a boy. Due to difference in opinions, the couple were living separately. While Parashivamurthy was staying alone at his house in Nivedithanagar, his wife Savitha, who is working at a private cable network, was staying with her parents.

According to Parashivamurthy's neighbours, though Savitha was living with her parents, she used to visit Parashivamurthy often.

Parashivamurthy was also involved in money lending and real estate business and the Police have suspected that the murder may have taken place due to some problems in his business.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that the CCTV camera installed in the neighbour's premises had captured the movement of the killers and the Police are examining the footages.

DCPs Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda and M.S. Geetha Prasanna, ACPs Poornachandra Tejaswi and Mariyappa, Saraswathipuram Inspector Vijayakumar, Kuvempunagar Inspector Raju, Sub-Inspector Bhavya and staff visited the spot. Fingerprint experts and the Dog Squad were also pressed into service.

"Parashivamurthy's wife was living separately due to differences in opinions with her husband. He was into money lending and real estate business and it is suspected that someone known to Parashivamurthy may have committed the murder. Two miscreants jumping over the compound, barging into the house and stabbing Parashivamurthy multiple times, has come to be known from the preliminary investigation," DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda said.

Power cables snapped

at Brindavan Extension as tree falls

A tree that fell on overhead power lines opposite Gurudwara in Brindavan Extension yesterday snapped power lines and also brought down an electric pole plunging the area into darkness. The MCC's Abhaya Team, which swung into action, cleared the fallen tree yesterday and the CESC staff were in the process of restoring power to the area this morning.

'Bele Darshak' App launched

Mysuru, Sept. 21- Agriculture Department has launched 'Bele Darshak Karnataka - 2020-21' app to collect details from farmers for the current Kharif season.

According to a press release here, the app contains details of all agricultural plots in the State — such as survey number, picture of the plot, the name of the farmer, his contact number and the crop he is growing.

This data is linked to all agriculture schemes of the Government and crop insurance. In case of mistake in crop survey, objections can be filed. Objections over the crop survey must be filed before Oct. 15. The farmers can also know what action has been taken upon their objections.

The app can be downloaded through the link *https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.crop.offcsreportskharif*

Three boys go missing from Balamandira

Mysuru, Sept. 21- Three teenaged boys have gone missing from State-run Balamandira located in Vijayanagar Police limits, from Sept. 8, according to a complaint lodged at Vijayanagar Police Station.

The boys, who have gone missing are 14-year-old Nandakumar, 16-year-old Raju and 13-year-old Sharath. Nandakumar is wheatish in complexion, medium built, oval faced and speaks Kannada. Raju is dark in complexion,medium built, oval faced and speaks Kannada. Sharath is wheatish in complexion, medium built, oval faced and speaks Kannada.

Those coming across any clues about the said missing boys, can contact Vijayanagar Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418117 or 2418317 or 2418517 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Elephant herd destroys banana plantation at H.D. Kote

H.D. Kote, Sept. 21 (Manju& KS)- A herd of wild elephants, which raided a banana plantation, has destroyed the plantation at Kallahatti (G.M. Halli) in H.D. Kote.

The plantation belonged to farmers Santosh and Nijaguna. The elephants have also destroyed ginger crops causing losses to the farmers.

Obituary

Rathna Basavaraj

Mysuru, Sept. 21- Rathna Basavaraj (57), a teacher and a resident of Chamundipuram, passed away last evening in city.

She leaves behind her husband, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed today at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage, according to family sources.

Marigowda

Marigowda (80), a resident of Beeregowdanahundi village in Kadakola, passed away yesterday in the village.

He leaves behind three sons including Kalegowda (General Secretary of Sir M. Visvesvaraya Plumbing and Underground Drainage Workers' Welfare Association, Mysuru), two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the village yesterday, according to family sources.

H.K. Venkateshaiah

H.K. Venkateshaiah (80), a resident of Ramakrishnanagar, passed away yesterday in city.

A native of Hullahalli in Nanjangud taluk, he leaves behind a son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday evening, according to family sources.

Rain, with high-velocity winds, pounds Kodagu

40,000 cusecs of water released from KRS Dam; 35,625 cusecs from Kabini and 12,354 from Harangi

Madikeri, Sept. 21 (PS&BCT)- Heavy rain, coupled with gusty winds, is lashing Kodagu throwing life out of gear in the last 48 hours. The district, that is just coming out of devastating floods and landslides in August this year, is again being pounded by unseasonal showers.

This morning's forecast by District Agromet Unit, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Gonikoppal, has predicted that heavy rainfall with gusty winds is likely to continue till tomorrow (Tuesday) and is likely to reduce gradually later.

Electricity lines and telephone networks have been snapped at many places and landslides have been reported from Indiranagar at Madikeri. Tiled roofs of many houses at Chamundeshwarinagar have been blown away by high-velocity winds.

Though no casualties have been reported, the areas that are hit by rains now are the same places that bore the brunt of nature's fury in 2018 and 2019. Farmers, who had just finished agricultural activities including paddy sowing and transplantation are a worried lot as the crop is under water and may not see the light of the day even if the flood waters recede.

Kodagu district received 66.75 mm of rain during the 24-hour period that ended on 8.30 am yesterday. Heavy rainfall was recorded at Bhagamandala (175 mm), Sampaje (164.2 mm), Madikeri Kasaba (93.6 mm), Virajpet (71 mm), Hudikeri (68 mm) and Srimangala (58 mm).

Bhagamandala, Ayyangeri and Talacauvery are the epicentre of the rain and Bhagamandala-Ayyangeri Road has been blocked and three feet of water is flowing on the road. Vehicular movement has been stopped and the Triveni Sangama — a confluence of River Cauvery, Kannike and Sujyothi — at Bhagamandala has been completely submerged.

Most paddy fields in Madikeri taluk are under water with Cherangala, Balamuri, Korangala, Napoklu, Murnad, Paarane, Kiggalu and surrounding areas worst affected. River Cauvery is in full flow at Balamuri, Murnad, Bethri, Siddapura and Karadigodu. Other parts of Kodagu, including Shanthalli, Suntikoppa, and Kushalnagar, also received heavy rain that was uniform and widespread.

In Mysuru, rain was intermittent, but the outflow from Kabini Reservoir in H.D. Kote taluk was stepped up yesterday. This follows heavy rain in Kerala's Wayanad and surrounding areas that are the main catchments for Kabini.

As a result, the Dam authorities increased the outflow to nearly 35,625 cusecs, while the inflow was at around 28,906 cusecs. The water level in the reservoir was at its maximum of 2,283 feet today.

Harangi, the reservoir that feeds Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam, today reported an inflow of 8,666 cusecs and an outflow of 12,354 cusecs.

The inflow to KRS Dam in Mandya has also increased with today morning's water level standing at 124.60 ft as against the full reservoir level of 124.80 feet. Today morning, over 40,000 cusecs of water was released from the Dam and a flood warning has been issued in the wake of the increasing water level in the reservoir. Officials from Cauvery Neeravari Nigam that manages the Dam say that more water will be released as there is high inflow that stood at 27,426 cusecs.

Meanwhile, the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) has predicted widespread moderate to heavy rains in Kodagu and coastal region of the State. The KSNDMC also predicted that very heavy to extremely heavy rains in isolated areas of Kodagu, Udupi, Dakshina Kannada and Uttara Kannada districts.

Dasara inauguration atop Hill

Will seek permission for 500 attendees: MLA

Mysuru, Sept. 21 (PM&BCT)- Amidst the confusion on the number of people who will attend the *Jumboo Savari* on *Vijayadashami* day inside Mysore Palace — as the Centre has not yet specified the number of people — Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra has said that permission will be sought from the Centre to allow 500 people when Dasara festivities will be inaugurated atop Chamundi Hill on Oct. 17.

L. Nagendra

Speaking at an event held yesterday at Subbarayanakere Freedom Fighters Park, the MLA said that the number of people to attend the *Vijayadashami* procession inside Palace and the festivity inauguration will be decided by the Centre. "We will seek permission for 500 attendees on inauguration day," he said.

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, this year, only five elephants will be a part of restricted Dasara procession. There will be no *Gajapayana*, a celebration of bringing elephants to the city from respective elephant camps. The elephants will be welcomed to the Palace on Oct. 2 at 12.15 pm, he said.

The arrangements at Mysore Palace premises for *Jumboo Savari* will be done only after obtaining permission from the Union Government. The DC will visit the elephant camps on Oct. 1 to oversee the transportation of elephants. No elected representative will, however, attend the ceremony, Nagendra added.

MUDA Chairman meets Bishop

Mysuru, Sept. 21 (RKB&DM)- Days after he was appointed to the post, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman H.V. Rajeev, yesterday visited the Bishop House near Five Lights Circle on Mother Teresa Road and sought the blessings of Bishop Most Rev. Dr. K.A. William.

The Bishop, after blessing Rajeev, honoured him with a shawl. Later, the two held talks for about half-an-hour, during which the issue of 'Laksha Vruksha,' a one lakh sapling planting drive, was discussed.

The Bishop explained about the sapling planting drive conducted by women organisations under ODP, to which Rajeev assured that he will give more saplings to the organisation.

Rajeev also assured that MUDA will take necessary measures for addressing the representations made by the Bishop.

Special Committee to study long-term effects of COVID-19: Dr. K. Sudhakar

Dr. Sudhakar

Bengaluru, Sept. 21 (Agencies)- The Karnataka Government has decided to constitute a Special Technical Committee to study the long-term effects of COVID-19 by monitoring the health of those who have recovered from the infection after contracting the virus.

The move comes in the backdrop of an increasing number of reports of people, who were discharged after successfully battling COVID-19, returning to hospitals with various health conditions and complications.

Dr. K. Sudhakar, Medical Education and COVID-19 in-charge Minister, said that the Committee will consist of medical experts. In a tweet, he said that the Government will evaluate patients based on whether they had mild or severe symptoms with special focus on people with comorbidities.

File photo of COVID testing at Town Hall premises in Mysuru.

"The medical experts team will also develop new strategies for clinical care to improve the long-term health of all those who recovered from COVID-19," he said in the tweet.

Dr. Sudhakar said, "Countries across the world are beginning to realise the importance of evaluating the long-term effects of COVID. The Vaccine Research Group of Mayo Clinic in the US has listed organs that may be affected by COVID and also raised concerns over significant cellular damage this virus can cause. Doctors in Chennai who have recovered have complained about chronic fatigue." He said, "The expert committee will assess both re-infection and other complications. The findings will help us make suitable modifications in our treatment protocols and post-COVID care. We will soon identify experts and decide on the scope of the study."

Earlier, Dr. Sudhakar had sought a clinical study on a re-infection case and said that it is still going on.

SSLC Supplementary exam begins

Mysuru, Sept.21 (RKB&DM)- The SSLC supplementary exam, conducted by Karnataka Secondary Education Exam Board, began at 35 centres across the district, including 15 in the city this morning, with all COVID-19 precautionary and safety measures in place. Maths paper was held today on the first day.

The supplementary exam will end on Sept.28 with Kannada paper tomorrow (Sept.22), Social Science on Sept.23, Second Language paper on Sept.24, Third Language paper on Sept. 25 and Science on Sept.28. There will be no exam on Sept.26 and 27.

A total of 9,762 students (6,155 boys and 3,607 girls), most of them failed students and repeaters, are appearing for the exam in the district. All the students were required to undergo thermal screening, wear face masks and use hand sanitisers, besides maintaining physical distancing, according to DDPI Dr. Panduranga.

The 15 exam centres in the city include Rotary Brindavan School, Metagalli; Mathrumandali School, V.V.Mohalla; Government PU College for Girls, People's Park in Nazarbad; Farooquia Boys School in Tilaknagar; Jnanaganga High School in Kuvempunagar and Srikanteshwara High School in K.N.Puram.

In order to ensure smooth conduct of the exam, the city Police have clamped prohibitory orders in 200 mts radius of all the exam centres from 6 am to 6 pm on all days of the exam. Accordingly, all photo copy shops in the vicinity of the exam centres were ordered to shut down during exam hours.

Former MP launches Arogya Hasta at K.R. Constituency

Mysuru, Sept. 21 (MTY&KS) - Former Chamarajanagar MP R. Dhruvanarayan launched 'Arogya Hasta,' a unique medical outreach programme at Madhuvana Layout, near Srikantha School on M.G. Road, coming under Krishnaraja (KR) Constituency this morning.

The 'Arogya Hasta' team, which visited the houses, conducted thermal screening and also checked the pulse rate of the residents using Oximeter. If anyone is found with COVID-19 symptoms, the team would provide them information about the health services available.

Speaking on the occasion, Dhruvanarayan, who is also the State President of Karnataka *Arogya Hasta*, said that the programme has been initiated in the State under the leadership of Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President D.K. Shivakumar and former CM Siddharamaiah to control the increase in the number of COVID-19 positive cases.

Alleging that the State Government has miserably failed in controlling the spread of the virus, he said that the death rate due to the virus had also increased. He said that the Arogya Hasta programme has successfully covered 22 districts in the State and regretted that the number of COVID positive cases had crossed five lakh in Karnataka.

He appealed the residents not to fear if they contracted the virus and added that timely treatment and necessary precautions could cure them.

Former MLA M.K. Somashekar, former MYLAC Chairman H.A. Venkatesh, KR Block President G. Somashekar, KPCC Member Srinath Babu, Gunashekar and others were present.

Farmers begin day-and-night dharna at Freedom Park

Bengaluru, Sept. 21 (KMS&DM)- Thousands of farmers and workers, belonging to over 30 farmer, labour and social organisations, began a day-and-night dharna at Freedom Park in the heart of the city this morning in protest against the Centre's recent amendments to Land Reforms, APMC and Electricity Acts and introduction of Farm Bills, which they claimed are detrimental to the interests of the farming community.

The protesters, who gathered at Majestic Railway Station (KSR Bengaluru Station), took out a rally to Freedom Park, where they will sit on Dharna till the Legislature Session ends.

Alleging that the amendments to Land Reforms, APMC and Labour Acts, effected by the Central and State Governments, were a death knell to the farming, peasant and the working class, the protesters wanted the Government to immediately repeal the amendments in the better interests of the larger population of the country.

They also resolved not to move out of Freedom Park until the Government announces withdrawal of amendments in the Session.

Legislature Session begins

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Even as the Yediyurappa Government is planning to table over 30 Bills in the Session, which is scheduled to last a maximum of eight working days, the main Opposition Party, Congress, is looking to corner the Government on several fronts, including tackling of COVID pandemic, alleged scam in procurement of COVID equipment, GST compensation issues, flood relief and the recent riots in some parts of Bengaluru.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa told reporters in Bengaluru ahead of the Session that the Government is planning to wind up the Session in three days after holding a discussion on important matters.

Pointing out that over 70 Legislators have tested positive for the deadly contagion so far, he said that he will discuss the issue of curtailment of the Session in the Business Advisory Committee meeting. However, a final decision will be taken after holding talks with the Opposition parties, he added.

Vaastu-Feng Shui & Bio-energetics

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Building and Chi

Fundamental principle of Feng Shui is the flow of unhindered energy known as Chi (pronounced "chee"). This is said to be the life force pervading everything on the planet. Chinese Medicine describes the flow of Chi along the meridians within the body for a building. In the science of Feng Shui, the Chi depicts the flow of energy in the outside world like landscape, layout of a building and its design. The flow of Chi is essential for the well-being of the occupants.

Drained Chi means even though there seems to be sufficient energy; it is taken away again due to orientation or design factors. Reasons might be geopathic stress either of the property or of the house itself. These can be major energy grids as well as blockages of the energy flow within the landscape. It could also be due to bad design, orientation or even an addition or deletion of furnishing or furniture.

Bau-biology translated from German is "building biology" or "building for life" is a study of the energies in a building and its implications. It specifically refers to the study of the impact of the built environment on human health and the application of this knowledge to the construction or modification of homes and workplaces. It studies the interwoven relationships between people and their homes as well as their homes and the earth.

The earth, its influence and the building biology needs to be considered in the selection of building sites and design of buildings. A basic knowledge of the fundamentals of physics and chemistry point out that reduction of the geomagnetic background will have an impact on the necessary chemical processes needed for life. Certain locations exhibit relatively permanent magnetic distortions that have an effect on the occupants and surroundings.

For many of the builders and developers facing crisis, it's time for introspection of your own premises. If your home ground is strong and well-designed it can sustain the "rough weather."

Take a look at the following:

• Check your entrance, especially the main door and look for afflictions.

• Move the furniture and try to open the windows to allow fresh air and light in.

• Bring in life into your premises by adding healthy green indoor plant and small water features especially in the North and East sectors of your office/ foyer.

• Try to display information on your projects which are getting difficult to market towards North West sector of the office.

• Re-position key people in the office away from 'danger nodes' or bad energy spots which could defocus them.

• Do not have excessively large and over powering water features.

• Install bright lights in the foyer and have more up lit lightings to boost the energy and "lift" your business prospects.

Building biology may still be a relatively obscure science, but by following these rules, you can help make your office more productive and supportive to your business especially when the market looks gloomy.

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Book 'Leadership Lessons For Daily Living' launched

Mysuru, Sept. 21- The book titled 'Leadership Lessons For Daily Living (LLDL),' authored by Dr. R. Balasubramaniam, Founder of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM), was launched at a virtual event recently in the presence of distinguished guests. Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM), Mysuru, is joined by India Leaders for Social Sector (ILSS) in co-publishing this book.

Well-known academicians, social sector leaders, writers and development practitioners attended the book release ceremony in the virtual platform.

The virtual programme started with a panel discussion on 'Democratising Leadership' with the eminent panellist Pramath Raj Sinha, Founder and Chairman, Harappa Education, Founder and Trustee, Ashoka University and Dr. R.S. Praveen Kumar, IPS, Secretary, Telangana Social Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society.

The panel discussion was moderated by Anu Prasad, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of ILSS.

The discussion started with 'leadership based on their experiences and in this unequal society how we can make leadership gender inclusive.'

Speaking from his experience, Pramath Raj Sinha mentioned that in general language, leadership has been always related to the concept of politics *(neta)* and power but for me it's much wider than that and it is more about leading our inner selves rather than leading the people.

Adding to the discussion, Dr. Praveen Kumar mentioned that for him leadership is about finding solutions to the wicked problems through collaborations and amalgamation of the purpose of life. To quote him, "For institutionalisation of leadership, first and foremost a leader must find the purpose of life and nurture his/her inner self".

To make leadership gender-inclusive, Dr. Praveen Kumar emphasised that there is a dire need to first break the stereotypes associated with the women and he quoted the example of Poorva who made history by becoming the youngest girl in the world to climb the Mount Everest at the age of only 13 years with constant support from her mother. Pramath Raj believes that there are two reasons why the leadership space has not been gender-inclusive — firstly, from very young age the society has been disadvantaging the women and secondly, there are organisations who are not ready to bait on the leadership skills of the women.

After panel discussion, Dr. Basavaraju, Executive Director, GRAAM, introduced the celebrated author Dr. R. Balasubramaniam quoting his vast experiences in the social development sector and the ample time he has spent working with the indigenous communities of Karnataka.

Dr. Basavaraju spoke about the book and said: "The book is rather a mirror that reflects what kind of leader one is and what one need to develop. It exposes the 'illusionary traits' sometime we feel that all leaders must possess and brings us to the reality.

"The book beautifully takes us through the real-life situations of the author and the extraordinary people he has met. We get to know how one need to find a higher purpose in life, why can't one be a crusader all the times, rather one need to stay alive and continue the long battle with a coalition. It gives a lesson for not only leading a small community, also the large organisations. It gives an answer to the questions like What it requires to be a complete leader and how one can sustain his/ her leadership? How to lead selflessly and especially at the time of a crisis? More importantly, all these lessons the readers get is through those so called ordinary, but really extra-ordinary people that the author has met and interacted," he added.

Speaking about his new book, Dr. Balasubramaniam emphasised that this book is not only about democratising leadership but more about celebrating the voices of the people from the grassroots. He said: "I began by realising that the prominent voices in the country were simply the ones that were loudest. That is why I turned to the grassroots for stories that came from extraordinary everyday leadership. We need to demystify leadership and bring out the remarkable potential in all of us. This book is about celebrating real people, and real lessons."

For him leadership is more about the spiritual journey and understanding our incompetence and about understanding the voice poverty which has been missing from the mainstream society.

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Sept. 21- The University of Mysore has awarded Ph.D in Chemistry to **Sumana Y. Kotian** for her thesis 'Synthesis and Characterisation of Novel Compounds of Five Membered Heterocycles and Study of Their Liquid Crystalline Properties' submitted under the guidance of Dr. K.M. Lokanatha Rai.

G. Sowmya has been awarded Ph.D in History by the University of Mysore for her thesis 'Karnatakadalli Dalita Chaluvali Mattu Mahile 1970-2010' [Guide: Dr. K. Sadashiva].

Teenager's passion for KSRTC buses

By S.B. Devaraj

Prajwal Gowda

Mysuru, Sept. 21- With the State-run KSRTC buses ferrying lakhs of passengers every day, here is the story of a teenaged boy of the city who has come up with a variety of models of the buses, after developing a passion towards them.

Prajwal Gowda handing over bus miniature created by him two months ago to the then KSRTC Mysuru Rural Divisional Controller Ashok Kumar.

Prajwal Gowda, a 16-year-old First PU student of the city, is the one who has built colourful models of different classes of KSRTC buses. He is the son of L.S. Raghavendra, a businessman and Kavitha, a KSOU employee. Prajwal, who passed 10th standard from De Paul Public school, has just joined first PUC.

Prajwal, who has a great liking for KSRTC buses, has built miniature models of Ordinary, Volvo and NWKRTC (North West Karnataka Road Transport Corporation) buses. These miniature models very much resemble the actual ones in terms of their colour, design and all other features.

He also has come up with a bus model of his own design, which the KSRTC can use it for its future needs in accordance with the times. Prajwal Gowda's sojourn in bus model making began when he presented a model two months ago to the then KSRTC Mysuru Rural Divisional Controller Ashok Kumar.

Prajwal Gowda has built his bus models using Sunboard, a very strong, light and easily cut sheet material that is commonly used to make Prototype of objects, produce architectural models and to make casting patterns. Prajwal has used OHP sheets for making the rear and front sides and window panes of ordinary bus model. In case of Volvo bus model, he has painted it in white and pasted a sticker. Both the exterior and interior of bus model very much resembles the actual bus, be it wheels, doors, steering wheel, gear box, bonnet, seats, railings etc.

The Volvo bus model has all its unique features such as Air Conditioning system, digital dashboard, wind screens etc.

Prajwal has taken about 25 days to build every model and has spent nearly Rs. 5,000 on each of them. Prajwal says that he developed a passion for KSRTC buses since his childhood days upon seeing them moving on the roads, picking up passengers at stops.

Stating that he became a big fan of KSRTC after coming to know of its operations, he said that he used the COVID-19-induced lockdown time for promoting his passion of making bus models.

Delighted by the sheer natural replica of buses, his parents encouraged him to come up with other models, which he did by using carton box materials as an experiment.

A model of an ordinary bus was given to the then KSRTC Mysuru Rural DC Ashok Kumar on July 8, by which time, the KSRTC had resumed services following relaxations in lockdown. Enthused by the pat given by the KSRTC authorities, he came up with Volvo and NWKRTC bus models, says Prajwal.

Expressing delight that KSRTC has earned the distinction of being one of the top public transport undertakings in Asia, he said that he has learnt a lot about the functioning of the State-run Transport Corporation. Explaining his future career plans, Prajwal said that he has decided to make a career with KSRTC and he has begun preparations for it in right earnest.

Maintaining that he has chosen Commerce stream in PUC only for the sake of being part of KSRTC management, he said that he has all hopes that his dream of serving KSRTC as a top official will come true.

Prajwal's Volvo bus miniature photographed in front of actual bus.

Rajya Sabha passes two farm Bills amid fierce protests

New Delhi, Sept. 21 (UNI& Agencies)- The Rajya Sabha yesterday passed two contentious farm Bills amid protests by Opposition parties while Prime Minister Narendra Modi described it as the "watershed moment" for Indian agriculture.

Narendra Modi

The Farmer's Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020, and The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020, were passed by voice vote.

"For decades, the Indian farmer was bound by various constraints and bullied by middlemen. The Bills passed by Parliament liberate the farmers from such adversities. These Bills will add impetus to the efforts to double income of farmers and ensure greater prosperity for them.

Our agriculture sector is in desperate need of latest technology that assists the industrious farmers. Now, with the passage of the Bills, our farmers will have easier access to futuristic technology that will boost production and yield better results. This is a welcome step," tweeted PM Modi after the passage of the two Bills.

Modi added that the Government will continue with open procurement of wheat and rice at Minimum Support Prices (MSP). Opposition parties along with some alliance partners of the National Democratic Alliance demanded that the two Bills be sent to a Parliamentary Committee for greater scrutiny but they failed to muster the required numbers in the Upper House.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi has assured that there will be no change in MSP and this Bill will benefit the farmers. The Union Government has taken several steps to ensure that income of farmers increase," said Agriculture Minister N.S. Tomar said in the Rajya Sabha.

The Opposition parties had said the Bills will hurt the open procurement of wheat and rice as MSP promotes corporatisation of the farm sector, attacks the federal structure on the grounds that both agriculture and markets were State subjects, among other objections.

"These Bills are ill-conceived and ill-timed and Congress party completely rejects it. We are not ready to sign death warrants of farmers on this. Agriculture and markets are both State subjects. When your own allies don't listen to you, why do you expect farmers to listen to you…Please do not kill us, Punjab and Haryana's economy will get completely finished," Pratap Singh Bajwa, senior leader of Congress, said in the House.

Trinamool Congress, Samajwadi Party and Telangana Rashtriya Samiti, among others, had opposed the Bills.

During the discussion, BJP leaders said the Bills were pro-farmer and will help provide them a level-playing field. "This is the biggest agriculture reform of recent time. Our focus needs to be now on value addition, trade and marketing. You are stopping the progress of farmers merely for your own political concerns," senior BJP leader Bhupendra Yadav said during the discussion.

Rajya Sabha was witness to high drama during the passage of the Bills, with the several members of the Opposition storming the well of the House.

Protests had continued despite the House being adjourned for the day.

Taking a strong stand against Deputy Chairman Harivansh, who was chairing the House while the Bills were being passed, 12 Opposition parties have now moved a no-confidence motion against him.

While The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020, seeks to give freedom to farmers to sell their produce outside the notified APMC market yards (mandis) and is aimed at facilitating remunerative prices through competitive alternative trading channels, The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020 seeks to give them the right to enter into a contract with agribusiness firms, processors, wholesalers, exporters, or large retailers for the sale of future farming produce at a pre-agreed price.

A third Bill — The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2020 — which is to remove commodities like cereals, pulses, oilseeds, onion, and potatoes from the list of essential commodities and doing away with the imposition of stock holding limits, is also scheduled to be moved in the Rajya Sabha. All the three Bills have already been passed by Lok Sabha.

WORD OF THE DAY

Foment

Pronunciation: FOH-ment.
Meaning: To promote the growth or development of: rouse, incite; bathe (a part of the body) with warm or medicated lotions.
Origin: If you had sore muscles in the 1600s, your doctor might have advised you to foment the injury, perhaps with heated lotions or warm wax. Does this sound like an odd prescription? Not if you know that foment traces to the Latin verb fovēre, which means "to heat or warm" or "to soothe." The earliest documented English uses of foment appear in medical texts offering advice on how to soothe various aches and pains by the application of moist heat. In time, the idea of applying heat became a metaphor for stimulating or rousing to action. Foment then started being used in political contexts to mean "to stir up" or "to call to action."
Example: Rumors that the will was a fake fomented a lot of bitterness between the two families.

THE ODD WORD

Faience

Glazed coloured earthware.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Foaming at the mouth

Meaning: The phrase foaming at the mouth is used to describe someone who is very angry. It means to be furious.

Origin: This phrase likely originates from a virus called rabies, as it can cause literal foaming at the mouth for the animal that's infected with it. Rabies is a deadly virus that both humans and animals can catch. A bite from an infected animal, like a bat, is usually how the virus spreads. One symptom of rabies is that it makes swallowing very difficult. Consequently, saliva builds up and there is a "foaming" at the mouth.
This expression is at least over 400 years old. For instance, in 1601, William Shakespeare, a famous poet and playwright, used this common phrase in the play Julius Caesar: "He fell down in the market-place, and foamed at mouth, and was speechless."

QUOTE BOX

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. **—Jesus Christ**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Jokes on you.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

7	1	6	4	3	9	5	2	8
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2	5	7	3	8	4	1	9	6
6	8	1	9	7	2	3	4	5
9	7	2	1	6	8	4	5	3
1	4	8	5	9	3	2	6	7
5	6	3	2	4	7	8	1	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Small automatic gun
5 Could be found on roads and cigarettes
8 Shabana or Kaifi
12 Skillfully
13 IRS in India
14 Large water bodies
15 A layman, not of the clergy
16 In an excessive or great degree (2,1,5)
18 Unit of energy
19 "J" in J & K?
20 __ Luis : city in North Brazil?
21 Words from a confident person (1,3)
23 Believer: suffix
25 Refute or disprove charge or evidence
27 Replies or acknowledgments
31 Round-faced nocturnal birds of prey
32 Soft pear-shaped fruit
33 Responsibility
34 Stay in shape (4,3)
36 "Route" changed to be on the target?
37 Male child
38 Greek jug - "pole" broken?
39 Electronic Library Sys.
42 Bizarre, outlandish or peculiar
44 Rd. Transp. Off.
47 Drove back attacking enemy by force of arms
49 Row of seats
50 Cambodia's neighbour
51 Use one's eyes
52 Retired leggie Kumble
53 Small amphibious creatures
54 Ever, poetically contracted
55 Unsightly

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

O	R	B	S		C	S	T		M	A	M	A
A	N	T	E		O	P	E		U	V	E	A
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N	O	V		A	L	T	N		B	L	E	U
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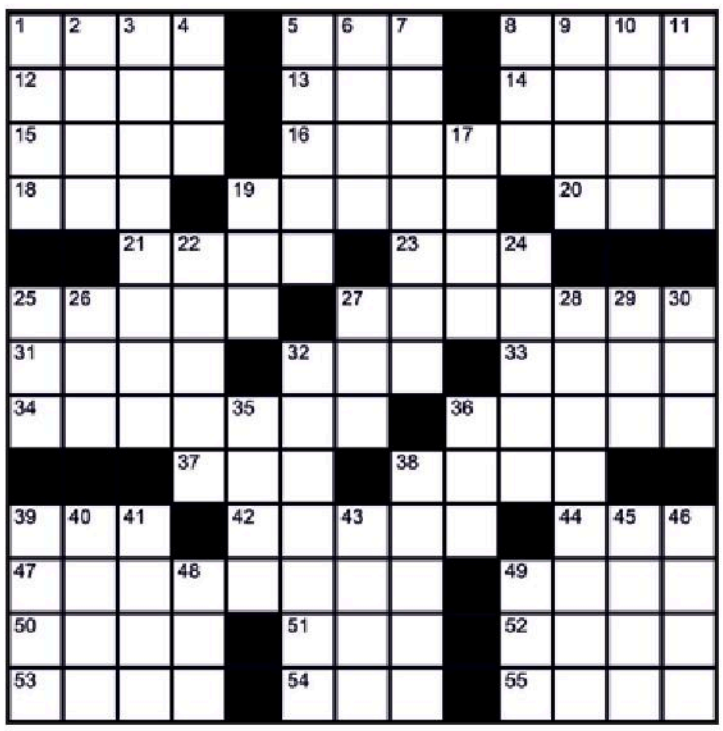
P	E	R	I	L	S		V	I	I			
A	R	G	O		S	W	I	N	D	L	E	S
L	I	E	N		I	O	N		G	I	R	L
M	E	S	S		E	O	E		E	A	R	S

DOWN
1 Offering or transaction, in a way?
2 Ski lift (1-3)
3 Qualified, suitable or fitting
4 The Big Apple
5 Largest moon of Saturn
6 Type of bomb
7 Rambling or wandering about
8 As bare __ _ stone? (2,1)
9 Ruler of Olympus
10 Ms Sinha of days gone by
11 Analogy words (2,2)
17 Ado
19 Caste of people from north western India
22 Horns of a crescent moon, for example?
24 Gambling game (3-2)
25 Rep. of Korea
26 Ram's mate
27 An islet, poetically speaking?
28 Going in
29 Bemoan, deplore or lament
30 Estonia once: abbr.
32 Subtle skill
35 Flesh, fish and ___ : non-vegetarian diet?
36 Ancient or aged
38 Neatness; command
39 Mystery writer___ Stanley Gardener
40 Turn a new one to make a fresh start?
41 Blemish or stain
43 Inst. of Elec. and Electronics Engrs.
45 Linden tree
46 Paris airport
48 U.S. Steamship
49 Greek letter



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

L QSCZIP NLB VC KIZGCA VP CRKCITXCBQ; VYQ BZ KLQS

OCLAD JIZX CRKCITXCBQ QZ QSC VTIQS ZJ L QSCZIP.

TODAY'S CLUE: B EQUALS N

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Giving back involves a certain amount of giving up.

Indian Premier League 2020

Rabada, Stoinis star

as DC beat KXIP in Super Over thriller

Dubai, Sept. 21- One game, that's what all it took for the first Super Over-finish in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020 and it was Delhi Capitals (DC), who came out on top, beating Kings XI Punjab (KXIP) at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Needing 158 runs to win, KXIP were off to a watchful start, scoring 30 off 26 balls. DC then picked up 4 wickets for 5 runs. First, Mohit Sharma castled Rahul for 21.

R. Ashwin, bowling the final over of the powerplay, then dismissed Karun Nair and Nicholas Pooran. However, Ashwin, diving to save a run, injured his shoulder on the final ball of the same over.

While Ashwin had to walk off from the field, Kagiso Rabada got Glenn Maxwell out for 1. KXIP lost one more wicket as Sarfaraz Khan departed soon after his side crossed the fifty-run mark.

Agarwal, who had opened the batting along with Rahul, and K. Gowtham then added 46 runs together, pushing KXIP past 100. However, the partnership was broken as Rabada picked his second wicket, dismissing

K. Gowtham.

Agarwal, who brought up his fifty in the 18th over with a six, though kept the KXIP hopes alive. The right-hander ran hard between the wickets and cleared the ropes with utmost ease at the death.

KXIP were in need of 25 runs in the last 2 overs and Mayank almost pulled them through. However, with the scores tied and KXIP required to score 1 off 2 balls, Mayank, after scoring 89, got out on the penultimate ball of the final over. Stoinis then dismissed Chris Jordan as Rabada held on to a catch at short square-leg to push the game into the Super Over.

Rabada, who had earlier picked up two wickets in his 4-over spell, then got K.L. Rahul and Nicholas Pooran and restricted KXIP to 2. DC, who needed 3 to win the game in Super Over, without losing a wicket.

Earlier, KXIP struck early after electing to bowl as DC lost Shikhar Dhawan via run-out. Shimron Hetmyer, on DC debut, got an early reprieve off Mohammad Shami's bowling. But the right-arm pacer did not have to wait too long to strike, dismissing Hetmyer and Prithvi Shaw in his second over to reduce DC to 13/3 after 4 overs.

Skipper Shreyas Iyer and Rishabh Pant then started rebuilding the innings. The two completed the 50-run partnership in the 12th over before Iyer hit K. Gowtham for two sixes in the 13th over to take DC close to 80.

However, the partnership was broken, courtesy debutant Ravi Bishnoi's maiden IPL wicket, as he dismissed Pant for 31. Shami, who had bowled three overs in the powerplay, then returned into the attack and picked up his third wicket as Iyer perished for 39.

Axar Patel was the next man to get out after Sheldon Cottrell, another IPL debutant, had the DC all-rounder caught behind the wickets. The left-arm pacer added one more wicket to his tally on the final ball of the spell, dismissing R. Ashwin.

DC needed something special and Marcus Stoinis delivered it. The Australian all-rounder went for an all-out attack, hammering 53 off 21 balls, with the help of 7 fours and 3 sixes.

Stoinis was eventually run-out in the final over, but not before he hit 2 fours and as many sixes to take his team to 157/8.

IPL 2020

Today's Match (SEPT. 21)

SRH Vs RCB
Dubai Intl. Cricket Stadium, Dubai, **7.30 pm (IST)**

Tomorrow's Match (SEPT. 22)

RR Vs CSK
Sharjah Cricket Stadium, Sharjah, **7.30 pm (IST)**

Yesterday's Result

DC 157/8 and 3/0 beat (in Super Over) **KXIP 157/8 and 2/2**

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BRIEF SCORES

DC: 157/8 (Marcus Stoinis 53, Shreyas Iyer 39; Mohammad Shami 3/15) tied **KXIP:** 157/8 (Mayank Agarwal 89, KL Rahul 21; Kagiso Rabada 2/28); **In Super Over: DC:** 3/0 beat **KXIP:** 2/2.

Djokovic, Halep advance to Italian Open final

Rome, Sept. 21- Top men's seed Novak Djokovic advanced to the final of the Italian Open for the 10th time on Sunday with a straight sets win over Casper Ruud.

The world number one came through 7-5, 6-3 to advance to the final of the clay-court tournament he has won four times.

Djokovic will also bid for a record 36th Masters title on Sunday, being currently tied on 35 with Rafael Nadal who fell in the quarter-finals. The 33-year-old plays Argentine eighth-seed Diego Schwartzman in the finals.

Schrwartzman shocked nine-time Rome winner Nadal, the two-time defending champion on Saturday, in the tune-up event ahead of the French Open in Roland Garros.

Djokovic was pushed in his first meeting with 34th-ranked Ruud, but knew how to tighten his game at key moments of an intense match, to the delight of the fans.

For the first time on Sunday a maximum of 1,000 people were authorised in the stands at Foro Italico.

Halep reaches her third final

Top seed Simona Halep ousted Spaniard Garbine Muguruza in three sets to advance to her third final at the Italian Open on Sunday, played on front of a small number of spectators for the first time.

The Romanian dropped her second set on clay in Rome before seeing off Muguruza 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 in a battle of former French Open champions before Roland Garros in a week's time.

Halep — the 2018 French Open winner — will play Czech defending champion Karolina Pliskova, the second seed in the final.

Halep, 28, has finished runner-up in her two previous finals at the Foro Italico in 2017 and 2018.

Ninth seed Spaniard Garbine Muguruza, the 2016 Roland Garros champion, fell to her fourth semi-final defeat in Rome, the furthest she has gone in the tournament.

Wimbledon champion Halep extended her winning streak this season to 13 consecutive victories.

She won the Dubai title in February, before the coronavirus lockdown, coming back to claim victory in Prague last month having skipped the US Open.

TODAY'S MATCHES (SEPT. 21)

WOMEN'S SINGLES - FINALS	
1 Simona Halep Vs 2 Karolína Plíšková	**6 pm (IST)**
MEN'S SINGLES - FINALS	
1 Novak Djokovic Vs 8 Diego Schwartzman	**8.30 pm**

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- **Rajasthan Grameen Mela:** Expo-cum-sale of cloths & handicrafts, etc., Jayamma Govindegowda Kalyana Mantapa, Kuvempunagar, **up to 9.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (SEPT. 22)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Handicrafts Mela, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Outer Ring Road junction, Hebbal, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Rajasthan Grameen Mela:** Expo-cum-sale of dress materials, sarees, handicrafts, etc., Jayamma Govindegowda Kalyana Mantapa, Kuvempunagar, **10 am to 9.30 pm.**
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